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## BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

26 1 COMMISSIONERS 2005 MAR 25 P 3: 04 2 JEFF HATCH-MILLER, Chairman AZ CORP COMMISSION 3 WILLIAM A. MUNDELL DOCUMENT CONTROL MARC SPITZER 4 MIKE GLEASON KRISTIN K. MAYES 5 6 In the matter of: 7 YUCATAN RESORTS, INC., 8 3222 Mishawaka Avenue. **DOCKET NO. S-03539A-03-0000** South Bend, IN 46615: 9 P.O. Box 2661 South Bend, IN 46680; 10 Av. Coba #82 Lote 10, 3er. Piso Cancun, Q. Roo 11 Mexico C.P. 77500 SECURITIES DIVISION'S OBJECTION TO RESPONDENT'S JOINT MOTION 12 YUCATAN RESORTS, S.A., TO COMPEL 3222 Mishawaka Avenue. 13 South Bend, IN 46615; P.O. Box 2661 14 South Bend, IN 46680; Av. Coba #82 Lote 10, 3er. Piso 15 Cancun, Q. Roo Mexico C.P. 77500 16 RESORT HOLDINGS INTERNATIONAL, 17 INC., 3222 Mishawaka Avenue 18 South Bend, IN 46615; P.O. Box 2661 19 South Bend, IN 46680; Av. Coba #82 Lote 10, 3er. Piso 20 Cancun, Q. Roo Mexico C.P. 77500 21 RESORT HOLDINGS INTERNATIONAL. 22 S.A., Arizona Corporation Commission 3222 Mishawaka Avenue 23 South Bend, IN 46615; DOCKETED P.O. Box 2661 24 South Bend, IN 46680; MAR 2 5 2005 Av. Coba #82 Lote 10, 3er. Piso 25 Cancun, Q. Roo Mexico C.P. 77500 DOCKETED BY 26

1 WORLD PHANTASY TOURS, INC., a/k/a MAJESTY TRAVEL 2 a/k/a VIAJES MAJESTY Calle Eusebio A. Morales 3 Edificio Atlantida, P Baja APDO, 8301 Zona 7 Panama. 4 AVALON RESORTS, S.A. 5 Av. Coba #82 Lote 10, 3er. Piso Cancun, Q. Roo 6 Mexico C.P. 77500 7 MICHAEL E. KELLY and LORY KELLY. husband and wife, 8 29294 Quinn Road North Liberty, IN 46554; 9 3222 Mishawaka Avenue South Bend, IN 46615; 10 P.O. Box 2661 South Bend, IN 46680, 11 Respondents. 12

The Securities Division of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Securities Division") objects to the Respondents', Resort Holding International, Inc. ("RHI Inc."), Resort Holding International, S.A. (RHI S.A."), Yucatan Resorts, Inc. ("Yucatan Inc."), and Yucatan Resorts, S.A. (Yucatan S.A."), (collectively, the "Respondents") Joint Motion to Compel because the Hearing Division of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Hearing Division") is the improper forum. The Securities Division requests that the Joint Motion to Compel be dismissed.

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## Discussion

According to the public records laws of Arizona, "any person who has requested to examine or copy public records pursuant to the provision of this article, and who has been denied access to or the right to copy such records, may appeal the denial through a special action in the superior court, pursuant to the rules of procedure for special actions against the officer or public body." A.R.S. § 39-121.02(A) (emphasis added).

Jeff Gardner ("Gardner") submitted a public records request on November 15, 2004, and clarified his request on December 2, 2004. The Securities Division responded to this public records request on January 21, 2005, on March 3, 2005, and on March 15, 2005, by making documents available and by producing an index of records. If Gardner believes he was denied access to public records, then he should pursue the appropriate recourse through a special action in the superior court in accordance with A.R.S. § 39-121.02.

Preceding and paralleling the abovementioned public records request, Respondents sought the same information through numerous discovery requests and petitioned the Hearing Division to compel production. In a series of procedural orders, the presiding administrative law judge addressed and denied Respondents' discovery requests. See Hearing Division's Tenth Procedural Order (March 17, 2005).

The presiding administrative law judge agreed with the Securities Division's position that due process in an administrative law proceeding requires notice, a hearing and an impartial trier of fact but does not require the use of discovery as in a civil court proceeding. Id. The presiding administrative law judge has addressed Respondents' motions as they pertain to discovery requests. The hearing ordered by the presiding administrative law judge to commence on March 28, 2005, will afford Respondents due process of law.

## Conclusion

Any recourse the Respondents would like to address regarding public records requests should be addressed in the appropriate jurisdiction in accordance with the public records laws of Arizona. A.R.S. § 39-101 through A.R.S. § 39-161. Respondents' Joint Motion to Compel filed in the inappropriate forum with the Hearing Division appears nothing more than a tactic to delay

and to unduly interfere with the scheduled hearing ordered by the presiding administrative law 1 2 judge to commence on March 28, 2005. For the foregoing reasons, the Securities Division objects to the Joint Motion to Compel and requests that the motion be dismissed. 3 4 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 25th day of March, 2005. 5 6 7 Kathryn E. Tomlinson Attorney for the Securities Division of the 8 Arizona Corporation Commission 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 ORIGINAL AND THIRTEEN (13) COPIES of the foregoing filed this 25th day of March, 2005, with 16 17 **Docket Control** Arizona Corporation Commission 18 1200 West Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007 19 20 COPY of the foregoing hand-delivered this 21 25th day of March, 2005, to: 22 Mr. Marc Stern 23 Hearing Officer Arizona Corporation Commission/Hearing Division 24 1200 West Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007 25

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